

Transportation/Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2009
2:10 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: **Chair: CM Fleming**
 Members: CM Benson, CM Owen, CW Ward-Pugh, CW Green & CM Engel
Absent: **CM Johnson (excused absence)**

Chairman Fleming announced the members of the committee who were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion

1- [Louisville Gas and Electric - George Siemens](#)

Discussion: CM Fleming gave overview on inquiries received on the past storms and power outages in relation to those natural disasters. Louisville Gas & Electric Representatives may return for even more discussions on this topic. A review from the Public Service Commission should be available in September or October for the committee's review.

The guests present for the discussion were George Siemens, Executive Vice-President for External Affairs e.on US, Greg Thomas, Vice President of Electric Distribution Services and Tom Jesse, Director of Asset Management. The PowerPoint presentation shown to the committee will be used for presentation to the Public Service Commission (PSC) and for other venues throughout the state. (Attached). The following was discussed:

- Ike and Ice - Post-storm reviews
- Customer Communications
 - Telecommunication
 - Radio
- 2009 Improvements
 - Online maps
 - Outage by zip code and counties
 - Restoration maps with general crew locations
- 2010 Planned Improvements
 - Estimated restoration times
 - Implement real-time online outage maps
 - Ways to reach customers
 - Texting and email
 - One-way communication
- Streamline communication to/from Filed Crews
- Underground vs. Overhead Electric Service
 - advantages
 - disadvantages
- Typical underground installation
- Davies Consulting
 - Strengthening "hardening" the system = remove the threat of trees
 - Aggressive tree trimming
 - Stronger Poles
 - Bigger wires
 - Smaller clusters of customers

Pending Legislation

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[R-153-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A PROJECT FOR BIKEWAYS STRIPING AND SIGNING.](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to approve made by Tom Owen and seconded by Robin Engel

Discussion: Dirk Owen, Executive Administrator with Public Works and Transportation Planning, spoke to all proposed Resolutions before the committee. R-153 and R-155 are similar in nature having a lapse in the Transportation Improvement Program, which prevented the agency from receiving funding. When opportunity arises in the repaving program, extra space is sought in traffic lanes or road shoulders to create bicycle lanes, as well as improving pedestrian facilities.

R-154 is bicycle lane and pedestrian way improvements specifically for the area along Lakeland and LaGrange Roads. This project is sectioned into two phases. There is need for symbols and signage in the area, for the purpose of sidewalk installation and improvements, created better connectivity.

The funding is 80% Federal and 20% local; private funding is being sought so as to not use capital funds.

By voice vote, the Resolution was approved.
The item was sent to CONSENT CALENDAR.

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[R-154-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A PROJECT FOR LAGRANGE ROAD BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS.](#)

Status: In-Committee
Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to approve made by Robin Engel and seconded by Tom Owen

Discussion on this item was held along with R-153.

By voice vote, the Resolution was approved.
The item was sent to CONSENT CALENDAR.

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[R-155-08-09 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET CONCERNING A PROJECT FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STRIPING, SIGNAGE, AND SIGNALS.](#)

Status: In-Committee

Committee: Transportation/Public Works
Primary Sponsor: Tom Owen

Motion to approve made by Tina Ward-Pugh and seconded by Stuart Benson

Discussion on this item was held along with R-153.

By voice vote, the Resolution was approved.

The item was sent to CONSENT CALENDAR.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Owen; without objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:00PM

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on August 27, 2009.**

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